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One winter a minister and his family were stuck at home in a blizzard (snowstorm), when their little girl who was only 1½ years old, came down with a fever. The blizzard lasted several days, and so did the little girl's fever, and it happened that when the blizzard ended, the fever did too.

The little girl had eaten nothing while she was sick and now her hunger returned. Edging herself out of bed, she wobbled over to where Mummy was and asked, "Apple?" Mummy knew there were no apples in the house, and she looked at Daddy. So the little girl went to Daddy, and placing one hand on each of his knees she looked pitifully up into Daddy's face and asked, "Apple?"



But Daddy knew there were no apples in the house. He knew the blizzard had left the snow waist deep. You cannot walk through snow that deep, or even wade through it. You must wallow on all fours. But she was his daughter. He was her daddy.

Dressing in his warmest clothes he went out into the snow. On and on he went until he was able to get an apple. He then returned to his home and gave it to his daughter.

Why did he go through all this painful effort to get one apple? Because he was her daddy.

In Matthew 7:11<sub>NLT</sub> Jesus said, " So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him."

Many Christians approach God as if they have to do something, before He will consider doing anything for them, or as if He is watching and waiting for them to do something wrong.

Instead, think of God like a loving Dad. God wants to give us good gifts. God wants to do special things for us.

# The Saviour

## Sabbath

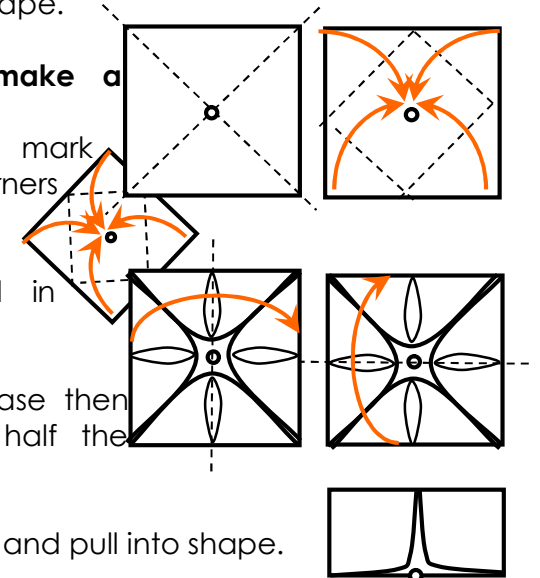
How do you learn best? By reading about something? Or by watching someone do it?

### **Reading Instructions to make a chatter box:**

1. Fold and unfold square of paper diagonally both ways to find the centre.
2. Fold corners into the centre, turn over and repeat.
3. Fold in half to make a rectangle.
4. Unfold, and then fold in half the other way.
5. Stick fingers under flaps and pull into chatterbox shape.

### **Watching Instructions to make a chatter box:**

1. Fold and unfold to mark centre, then fold corners in.
2. Turn over and fold in again.
3. Fold in half and crease then unfold and fold in half the other way.
4. Put fingers under flaps and pull into shape.



Was it easier to have pictures?

In the Old Testament in the Bible, God told people the best way to live. In the New Testament – Jesus came to show us.

## Sunday

In the beginning God created a perfect world. But then the first people (Adam and Eve) chose to listen to Lucifer who appeared as a snake. They chose to sin, and sin, which causes death, has been with us ever since. (Genesis 1-3<sub>NLT</sub>)



The Bible says in Romans 6:23<sub>NLT</sub> that "the wages of sin is death." And in Romans 3:23<sub>NLT</sub>, "everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."

Satan claimed that his own way was better; that God's way was too hard, and that it was impossible to live up to God's expectations. So Jesus came to earth to show everyone that Adam and Eve could have chosen not to sin; to show us the best

way to live, and to die in our place - to take our punishment.

Since the birth of the first baby, as each Mother held her new baby boy, she hoped that he might be the promised saviour.

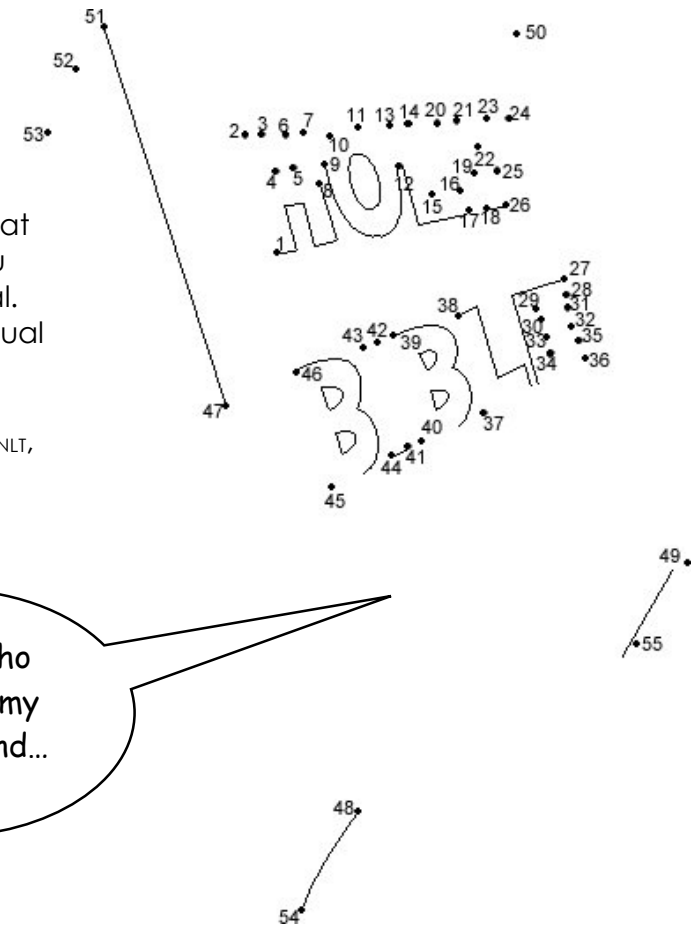
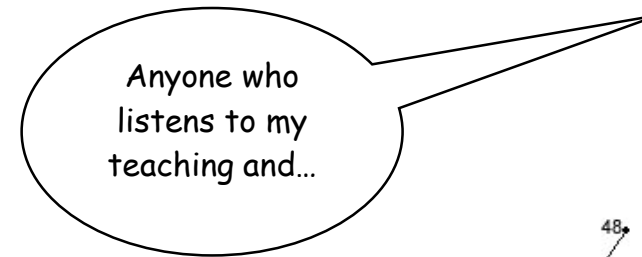
The Old Testament books of the Bible include many references telling how and when Jesus would be born, who His ancestors would be, and how he would die. They also told of a man who would come before Jesus, to tell the people that Jesus was coming soon.

Mark 1:2-3 says, "Just as the prophet Isaiah had written: "Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way. He is the voice shouting in the wilderness 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for Him!'" - Mark is quoting a prophecy from Isaiah 40:30. Malachi 3:1 and 4:5 also talk about a prophet like Elijah preparing the way for the Lord and Jesus Himself quotes these verses in Matthew 11:9-14 and so just at the right time, only a few months before Jesus was born the promised prophet was born.

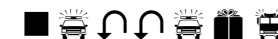
## Friday

When you have something new, and you can't figure out how to use it what do you do? You read the manual. We have a manual for life on earth.

In Matthew 7:24<sub>NLT</sub>, Jesus said:




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## Thursday

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John 3:16.



### THE SEA WASP

The sea wasp, or box jellyfish, is found in the waters near Australia and Hawaii. This fascinating creature has four eyes but no brain, and its bell or cubelike form is transparent with a pale blue or reddish tint. The sea wasp may be as big as a basketball and have up to 15 tentacles hanging from the bottom corners of its cube. The tentacles, covered with venomous stinging cells, can be up to 15 feet long. When the sea wasp senses certain chemicals on the skin of its prey, it releases the venom into the victim.

If you are swimming and get stung by a sea wasp, you may not make it back to shore. The sting is excruciatingly painful, and death can come in just two to three minutes.

One way to protect yourself from the sea wasp's sting may surprise you: pantyhose. That's right! Sea wasps don't sting through pantyhose, so Australian beachgoers can often be seen with nylons on their arms and legs. Similarly, when we feel the sting of death that Paul talks about in 1 Corinthians 15:55, 56, we can find safety in the covering of Jesus' forgiveness and righteousness.

The sea wasp and Satan's temptations may be hard to see at first, but their sting results in terrible pain and death. Find God's remedy in John 3:16.

**Info Splat**

Scientists put sea wasps into laboratory tanks to observe them. Only when the scientists poured alcohol into the tank did the sea wasps react and release their venom. So if the tentacles don't contact the chemicals on your skin, you won't get stung.

**REACT NOW!**

- Think of some of Satan's temptations that, even though they seem all right at first, end in death. How can you be alert and ready?

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## Monday

One day, priest Zechariah (who was related to Mary, who became the Mother of Jesus) was burning incense in the temple while the people waited outside.

Suddenly, an angel appeared. Zechariah was scared but the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer and

will give you a son. His name will be John and he will grow up to tell the people that the Saviour is coming soon."

Zechariah said "But Elizabeth and I are both old!"

The angel said, "God sent me to you! Now you will not be able to speak until the baby is born!"

The people waiting outside were wondering what had happened to Zachariah, but when he finally came out, he couldn't speak! He just waved his hands to try and show them that he had seen an angel.



Nine months later, Elizabeth gave birth to a baby boy. Everyone thought they would name him Zechariah. But Elizabeth said, "His name is John!" Everyone was surprised; they said, "But no one in your family is named John!" Then they asked Zechariah. Zachariah motioned for a writing tablet, and to everyone's surprise he wrote, "His name is John." All of a sudden Zechariah could speak again. "Praise God!" he said!

When John grew up, he moved to the wilderness of Judea and began preaching. His message was, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close." He warned the people to change their ways and prepare for the Saviour who would be coming soon.

John's clothes were made from camel hair and he ate locust and wild honey. People came to see and hear John, and he baptised them in the Jordan River. That is why he was called John the Baptist.



## Tuesday

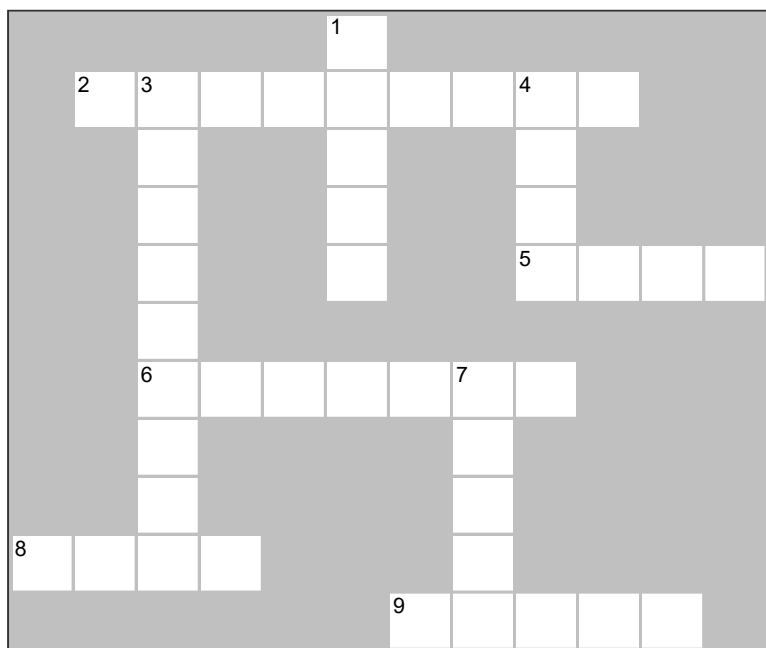
Used the clues to solve the crossword puzzle.

Down:

- 1: Another name for the Devil or Lucifer. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3: John's Mothers name. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4: The first man that God created. \_\_\_\_\_  
 7: Satan appeared to Eve in the garden as a \_\_\_\_\_

Across:

- 2: Priest \_\_\_\_\_, could not speak until the baby  
 was born because he did not believe the angel.  
 5: The Mother of Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6: John was called John the \_\_\_\_\_  
 8: The son of Zechariah and Elizabeth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 9: Came to show us how to live and died for us. \_\_\_\_\_

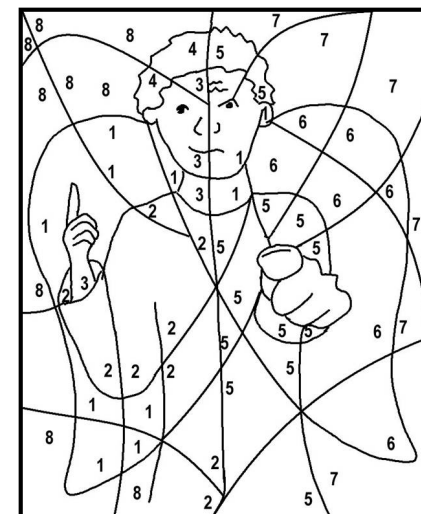
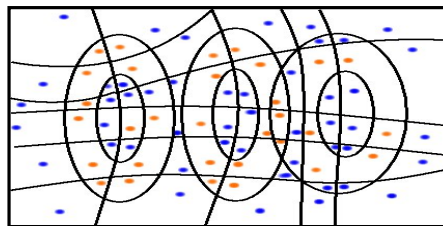


## Wednesday

The seed of jealousy and hatred grew inside the angel Lucifer until he became Satan, the Devil. Now his goal in life is to trick and destroy as many people as possible.

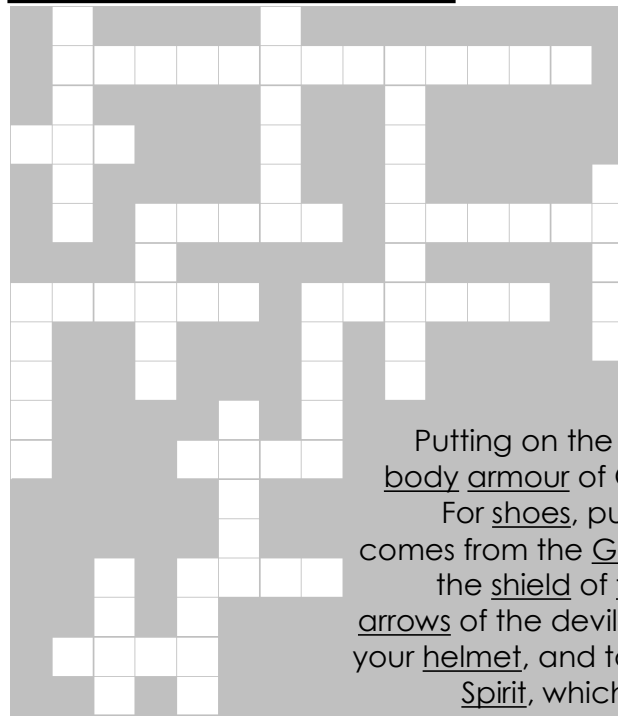
1=White, 2=Yellow, 3=Pink, 4=Brown, 5=Black, 6=Grey, 7=Dark Blue, 8=Light Blue.

Luckily for us, there is someone stronger than Satan.



The Apostle Paul describes what he calls "The armour of God."

Fit the underlined words from Ephesians 6:14-17<sub>NLT</sub> in the grid.



Putting on the belt of truth and the body armour of God's righteousness.  
 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News... hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.